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NATIONAL NEWS

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi **added ‘Jai Anusandhan’ to the slogan ‘Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan’** given by the late Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri, hailing the power of research to propel the nation into the top league.
 - The slogan ‘Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan’ was later prefixed with ‘Jai Vigyan’ by then Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.
- The 27th edition of the New Delhi World Book Fair (NDWBF), which has the **UAE’s third largest emirate Sharjah as its 2019 guest of honour**, is set to enthral book lovers from January 5 to 13 at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi.
 - Co-organised by the National Book Trust (NBT) and the India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO), the Book Fair’s **theme is “Readers with special needs”**, especially children.
- The Union Cabinet chaired by **Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi** approved Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Morocco.
 - The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has been apprised of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between **India and Morocco** on cooperation in the area of **Cyber Security**.
- **The Cabinet has approves** Restructuring of National Health Agency as **“National Health Authority”** for better implementation of Pradhan Mantri – Jan Arogya Yojana.
- **Veer Savarkar International Airport** in **Port Blair** has been declared as an **authorized Immigration Check post** for entry into/exit from India with valid travel documents for all classes of passengers.
 - Andaman and Nicobar Police has been appointed as the **‘Civil Authority’** for the purpose of the immigration check post.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- US president has signed the **‘Asia Reassurance Initiative Act’**. The law aims at

countering the **encroaching influence and growing threat** from China, and to **reinvigorate U.S. leadership in Asia**.

- The act aims to establish a multifaceted U.S. strategy to increase U.S. security, **economic interests, and values in the Indo-Pacific region**.

ECONOMY

- The **ministry of finance** announced that the government has cut import duties on **crude and refined palm oil** from **Southeast Asian countries or ASEAN** countries.
 - This move was taken under the **India-ASEAN Free Trade Agreement** and Malaysia under the **India-Malaysia Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (IMCECA)**.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- Scientists have developed a device named **WAND** which stands for **“Wireless artifact-free neuromodulator device”** that works like a **“Pacemaker for the brain”** to monitor the brain’s electrical activity and potentially deliver fine-tuned treatments to patients suffering from diseases like epilepsy and Parkinson’s.
- Scientists at **Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati** have developed a simple paper kit that can test freshness of milk and tell how well it has been pasteurized.
 - The kit is sided with smart phone app to ensure that milk is consumed before it turns too sour.

APPOINTMENTS

- The Competition Commission of India (CCI) appointed **Pramod Kumar Singh** as its secretary. The Commission was established in 2003 to replace the Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Commission.

AWARDS

- A 12-year-old Indian-origin student **Dhruv Manoj** from Singapore has bagged **two gold medals** at the **World Memory Championships** held in Hong Kong.
 - Dhruv Manoj won in the “**names and faces**” and “**random words**” disciplines, beating 56 other contestants in the “kids category”.

SPORTS

- Sports ministry has earmarked **Rs. 100 crore for funding the athletes under the (TOPS) Target Olympic Podium Scheme** ahead of 2020 Olympics in Tokyo.
 - The scheme was launched in September 2014 to provide financial assistance to potential Olympic medal winners.



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